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1. The following is the text of the "profession of faith in the Party" previously reported,\* which Carlos Contreras Labarca made and which was circulated widely among Party members:

"I am aware that Hector Alborno and Juan Guerra\* have been spreading slander and lies with the purpose of provoking the calling of a National Party Congress at which they would propose that I replace Ricardo Fonsca. I am sure that no militant has been deceived by those political adventurers who were expelled from the Party for treason and other crimes. There is no doubt that their activities and fascist methods are sponsored by national and international reactionaries financed and directed from the Moneda. The criminal attitude of these elements shows that they are consciously and unconditionally helping the enemy to isolate and weaken the proletariat and its Party in order that the present regime may have a free hand to defend the interest and privileges of the oligarchy and imperialism in order to transform Chile into a Northamerican colony. In view of this, it is necessary to crush these government agents and support more strongly the present leaders of the Party in order to save this country from catastrophe and to install a popular democratic regime. For my part, my conduct has been and always will be that of irrevocable loyalty to the Party, its discipline and monolithic unity, loyal to the cause of the worker and the people, and defender of our national liberty and independence.

Carlos Contreras Labarca"

2. After Contreras' statement was widely circulated, he was invited to give the speech defining the position of the Communist Party of Chile.\*\*\* Although outwardly it appears that internal differences have been checked and the Party will continue its normal legal and illegal activities, internal difficulties still exist. None of the "opposition" wants to risk expulsion, however.

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3. For external consumption, the story will be that there is no internal problem in the party, that the party is functioning normally, and that if members make mistakes, the leaders will call them and point out their errors.

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\* Cf. [REDACTED]

\*\* Field Comment. Doctor Albernoz is former Communist mayor of Antofagasta. Juan Guerra, former Communist Party parliamentarian, about June 1948 was reported to have tried to disrupt the Party and assume control. He was stopped by Gale Gonzalez.

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